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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

A SUBJECT of the first importance, which has not yet received the general consideration which it deserves, is the great and growing necessity for a national code of laws regulating marriage and divorce. To establish such a code, and to put a stop to the uncertainty and scandal which exist at present on account of the varying enactments of the several States, a constitutional amendment will be necessary; and those who believe that upon the sanctity of the marriage tie and the restraint of license depend the future safety and welfare of our social organization, cannot too soon commence to agitate in favor of such an amendment. The Yelverton case and some others which have engaged public attention of late years have shown how great outrages upon public decency, not to speak of private rights, result in Great Britain from the varying and conflicting marriage laws of England, Ireland, and Scotland; and in this country we are only saved from innumerable occurrences of the same kind because marriage is considered merely as a civil compact, and the forms necessary to constitute a legal marriage are of the simplest description in all of the States. It is in our divorce regulations, however, that the greatest chaos prevails; and scandals of the most outrageous character occur every day through the facilities which are afforded in some of the States for undoing the marriage bonds. In addition to this, the leaders of the women rights movement, forgetful of the fact that, if marriage and divorce are to depend entirely upon the momentary whims of the contracting parties, the women will be the greatest sufferers, are clamoring for the privilege of free divorce; so that when either a husband or a wife becomes tired of his or her partner, or discovers a new "affinity," the marriage may be dissolved, in spite of the claims of children or of society at large. It is obvious at a glance that if these free-love doctrines are allowed to prevail all respect for decency will speedily be swept away. Children will have no natural protectors, and the whole foundations of religion, morality, and social organization will be undermined. Marriage is, from its very nature, something different from a mere business partnership; and those who enter upon it unadvisedly or hastily, or who do not find all their expectations of wedded bliss realized, cannot be permitted to make society at large suffer for their mistakes or misfortunes. This is one of the relations of life in which society has some claims superior to those of individuals, and it is infinitely better that a comparatively few unhappily-matched couples should be compelled to endure their misery as best they may, and to take care of their children, than that, by a system of free divorce, all the floodgates of the grossest forms of immorality should be opened for the destruction of the nation.

No opponent of centralization, however bigoted he may be, can contend that the regulation of marriage and divorce should not be in the hands of the General Government, or that there should not be uniform laws for the whole country. In fact, the only opposition would come from the now unimportant and unimportant clique of coarse-minded women who profess to believe that they are the victims of masculine tyranny; and the only serious obstacle in the way of placing the whole matter in the hands of the General Government is in the difficulty of obtaining the necessary amendment to the Constitution. This difficulty could easily be overcome if sufficient interest were manifested by those who look with horror upon the pernicious doctrines of the advocates of free love, and there are already evils of sufficient magnitude existing under our present system to excite that lively interest in the subject that is demanded if a reform is to be effected.

FREE-TRADE DONKEYS.

THE American Free-trade League has indulged in the publication of a broad blanket sheet, with the title of the "People's Pictorial Tax-Payer." These words are printed at the top of the first page in gorgeously illuminated letters, intertwined among which is the motto, "Millions for Revenue, Not One Cent for Monopolists." It is rendered still more attractive by a strip of salt water from which projects an ugly-looking rock labelled "Protection," against which a small vessel having the general appearance of a Cape Cod fishing smack is being hurled, all of which is intended, if not calculated, to strike the beholder with awe and inspire him with terror. In addition there is a string of donkeys burdened with huge bundles placarded as "Tax," the said donkeys being represented in every stage of decrepitude, from a slight irregularity in the spinal column to a complete prostration upon the ground, all of which is very hard on the donkeys, especially as they have every appearance of being free-trade donkeys. The asinine monotony of this melancholy menagerie is somewhat relieved by the apparition of a meek-looking lamb, on which "Protection," in the guise of a wolf, is about to pounce. The prospective fate of the lamb—a free-trade lamb, of course—is intended to distress the beholder, just as his heart is to be touched by the peril of the Cape Cod fishing smack. There is likewise intro-

duced a delightful Oriental reminiscence, which looks like Sinbad the Sailor struggling under the weight of the Old Man of the Sea. Sinbad is discovered in the act of wading through visionary water, but has taken the precaution to pull his trousers up to his knees, by which simple device they have escaped the moisture. Sinbad having taken a sudden turn in his watery rambles, the inscription borne by the Old Man is on the off side, and we are therefore unable to decipher it, much to our regret. Finally, the rear of the procession, or the head of it, as you like, is brought up by a port-looking terrier—a free-trade cur, of course, although there is no visible label to fortify such a presumption.

On the inside of the sheet there is a graphic picture of the "Protection Hospital," presided over by a matronly caricature of Horace Greeley, and crowded with monstrosities, the whole cartoon being surrounded by a grand array of knives and forks, watering-pots, hand-saws, tombstones, coal-scuttles, tallow-candles, and ladies' stockings. Thrown in is an assortment of free-trade buncombe by Mahlon Sands, and the whole is put up expressly for family use, at the low price of five cents. But five cents per copy would not make sufficient return to pay for designing the big-headed, broad-stomached, lank-legged infant to whom Horace Greeley is devoting his undivided attention. Hence there is a resort to advertisements, of which there are about eight columns. Of these, nearly six columns are made up of the cards of Birmingham and Sheffield iron manufacturers, English insurance companies, free-trade literature, and the like. The character of these advertisements gives an unmistakable clue to the whole production. It is simply a small shot aimed at American industry from the English battery, serving but one purpose, and that is to show that the active free-traders of this country are nothing more nor less than the agents of British manufacturers.

THOSE EXILES OF ERIN.

THE struggle over O'Donovan Rossa and his companions in exile appears to have subsided for the time being. These illustrious personages imparted by their presence additional grandeur to the grand pageant in which the New York Democracy indulged on St. Patrick's Day in the morning; and having had by that time a surfeit of ovation and reception, they settled down to more serious business. It is scarcely worth one's while to be an exile, unless it can be turned to some substantial account. Rossa and his compatriots, albeit amateurs in the exile line, are by no means so ingenuous that they do not comprehend the true functions of an exile, and discern the rare privileges which fall in the way especially of an exile from Erin in these United States. Are there not hod-carriers to be plundered, and kitchen-girls to be filched from? Is the Irish Directory business played out? Are Head Centres, and Central Organizers, and the likes of them utterly undone? Is the cause of Irish independence an accomplished fact? Has the Sunburst sunk into the sea, along with the snakes? O'Donovan Rossa and his compatriots opine not; and they have lost no time in organizing for a grand campaign against the hod-carriers and the kitchen-girls, whose scanty earnings attract their attention as the ill savor of the carcase allures the bird of prey. So they organize a Central Directory, or something of that sort, for the custody of the funds which are to purchase the redemption of Ireland, and condescendingly invite all the Irishmen and Irishwomen in America to drop their old associations and send forward their cash to the headquarters of the new one.

But they have run counter to opposition from an unanticipated source. John Savage has been in the Irish Redemption business for some years past, and knows just what percentage it pays. His experience has taught him just how far kitchen-girls and hod-carriers may be bled without fatal effect. And Savage is naturally loth to give up his calling at the bidding of this self-constituted Directory. At a session of the Fenian Brotherhood in New York a day or two ago, Savage let fall some plain words. With one stroke of his tongue he stripped O'Donovan Rossa and the rest of the exiled crew of the flimsy conceit which had before disguised them. "He took occasion," says the report, "to rebuke the exiles for their dictatorial course in seeking to destroy the Fenian organization in this country, that they might establish a secret directory, composed of themselves, for the custody of the funds." Mr. Savage's head is perfectly level, as a man with half an eye can perceive without a special effort. O'Donovan Rossa is after the "custody of the funds." So is Savage, and hence his rebuke of the exiles. It is not that Savage is opposed to the systematic plundering of hod-carriers and kitchen-girls, under the vain pretense that their contributions are to be directed towards the liberation of Old Ireland. Savage evidently favors "the funds," objecting only to undue haste on the part of the exiles in constituting themselves a secret directory for their custody. If Savage were ready to throw himself into the gap, without a thought of "the funds," he would not care a stiver who became the custodian, so long as the money accumulated in somebody's hands. If O'Donovan Rossa and his immediate companions in exile had their eyes on the gap alone, they would not attempt to disturb Savage in his stronghold, nor indulge in unseemly strife over "the custody of the funds."

Both sets of Liberators are after "the funds," the exiles being a little more eager than their rivals, because they are a trifle more seedy. Each crowd is ready to leap into the gap, but it is the gap in the pockets of hard-fisted Irishmen and red-armed Irishwomen that invites their headlong plunges. They are after gold, not gore. The blood-letting trick has long since ceased to be attractive, but "the custody of the funds" is a mighty good thing, as long as there are more fools among our fellow-citizens of Irish birth or descent than the fool-

killers can attend to. There is no help for it, we suppose. The redemption of the Emerald Isle will not cease to be a stumbling-block to men and women who need all they can earn for their present support or future comfort. But when the custodians of the funds fall out, the rivalry over the spoils promises to be instrumental in opening the eyes and closing the purses of a few, whose meagre savings would otherwise fall into the clutches of the Head-Centres, Senators, Central Organizers, Exiles, and such.

THE IMPENDING ISSUE.

THE free-traders were never more active than at the present moment, and the tariff question will probably become the paramount issue of the next great political struggle. The Democracy, outside of Pennsylvania, present an unbroken front in favor of free trade; and the few Republicans who favor that disastrous dogma will do more harm than good to the Republican party. The battle of American industry must soon again be refought against the gathering clans of its allied foes, and Republicanism will find in this conflict a cause worthy of its steel. In the present condition of this country protection is the natural ally of individual freedom, while free trade is the sure forerunner of vassalage and industrial slavery. Labor must ever continue to be the great source of wealth; and any system which unnecessarily transfers to foreign hands a large portion of the labors involved in the supply of American wants diminishes, to that extent, the productive power of the Union and the prosperity of American citizens. Encouraged by the increase of free-trade strength in the lower branch of Congress, the New York importing houses which represent British manufacturing firms are making desperate exertions to influence public sentiment in favor of their own special interests and the interests of their British masters. The lavish use of British gold for this purpose is not even denied, and Americans are openly insulted by these presumptuous efforts of foreigners to instruct them in regard to their political duties, and to make this country a missionary ground for the advocates of false and pernicious British systems of political economy. John Bull would not hesitate a moment to drive out of his domains, or to imprison or hang, any Americans who attempted, on English soil, to influence English politics by a lavish expenditure of American money; and the English agents who have organized a vigorous campaign against our industries deserve no better treatment here. But as free discussion prevails in this country, the people can give vent to their indignation most effectually at the polls, and from this time forth they should take special pains that no candidate suspected of free-trade tendencies receives their votes.

The late reports from Dominica indicate that Cabral is making headway against the forces of Baez, and by the time Congress is ready to favor annexation the chicken-thief instead of the present President may be in power. Having already Ku-klux Klans in the South, Greasers in the Southwest, Sitka Indians in the Northwest, and Kanucks in the North, the nation scarcely needs to seek new troubles in a new quarter.

NOTICES.

SPRING SALE IN FINE CLOTHING FOR GENTLEMEN AND BOYS. An entirely new stock. By far the largest and most varied, the most elegantly made up, in new and stylish modes, well sewed and handsomely trimmed; grave and gay, to suit all tastes—boys of six or men of sixty. Scale of Prices—Cheap, CHEAPER, CHEAPEST. WANAMAKER & BROWN have now opened, after months of preparation, a stock of Spring and Summer Clothing, which far surpasses even their former efforts. This they will dispose of by a LIVERY AND QUICK SALE, to insure which they have put the lowest figures possible on every article in store. ADVICE—Come and see for yourself. Secure a "first pick" in the stock. Register your orders early in the Custom Department.

Ask your wife to examine our Boys' Clothing. Buy your Shirts, Cravats, etc., in our enlarged Gents' Furnishing Department. OAK HALL BUILDING, THE LARGEST CLOTHING HOUSE IN PHILADELPHIA, S. E. COR. SIXTH AND MARKET STREETS. A GREAT SEWING-MACHINE MART.—From No. 759 Chesnut Street, turning back at a right angle to Eighth street, are located the admirably-fitted-up warehouses (in this city) of the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company, presided over by our popular fellow-citizen, George W. Eddy, Esq. A visit there within the last few days convinced us of what there was already little room for doubt, that the Grover & Baker Sewing Machines have the deepest hold upon the affections of our people. Always a favorite, the recent improvements which have been applied to it render it well-nigh indispensable in every household. In fact, it performs admirably what no other machines attempt. Last year the aggregate sales of Grover & Baker machines largely exceeded those of any previous season, and the present indications are that the current year will witness the greatest increase in the demand for these machines that has yet been realized. Indeed the time seems to be rapidly approaching when, both in America and Europe, no house will be considered completely furnished without the presence of a Grover & Baker Sewing Machine, which machines, we may remark, are got up in styles quite commensurate with the most ornately furnished palace, while at the same time they are sold in just as good working frames at prices that compare with the most moderate in price.—Ferry's Press.

THE SUDDEN CHANGES OF TEMPERATURE, together with the searching winds which are now so common, are causing severe Colds to prevail everywhere, and laying the foundations for many cases of Inflammation of the Lungs, Pleurisy, Asthma, and other Lung Disorders. Prudent people should now take special precautions to avoid unnecessary exposure, and if unfortunate enough to contract Colds, would do well to resort at once to Dr. Jayne's Expecto-rant, a safe and reliable remedy, which will not only promptly cure Coughs and Colds, but will relieve and strengthen the Pulmonary and Bronchial organs, and remove all dangerous symptoms. Sold everywhere. THE PURITY AND SUPERIORITY OF Dr. Colton's Nitrous Oxide Gas for painless tooth extraction is proverbial. Office No. 731 Walnut street.

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